Singapore and Qatar have been granted access to new stations such as Bangalore, Hyderabad, Cochin and Gaya.

Renaming of Jollygrant Airport, Dehradun

2081. SHRIMATI GURCHARAN KAUR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a proposal to rename Jollygrant airport, Dehradun as Swami Ram airport;

(b) if so, the details regarding the status of the proposal;

(c) by when the airport is likely to be renamed; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE INTHE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d)The existing policy is generally to retain the name of domestic airports after the cities where these are located, since passengers and tourists, who may not be familiar with the local history, find it easier to identify the airport when it is named after the city, which it serves. Government has not made any exception in the case of Dehradun.

Flight between Hyderabad and Kuwait

2082. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any request from the Government of Andhra Pradesh has been received in the Ministry of Civil Aviation for operating a direct flight between Hyderabad and Kuwait;

(b) If so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE INTHE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) to (c) The Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh has written to this Ministry regarding operation of Kuwait Airways' flight from Hyderabad. Hyderabad is not presently available as a point of call to Kuwait Airways. However Indian Airlines is connecting Hyderabad